



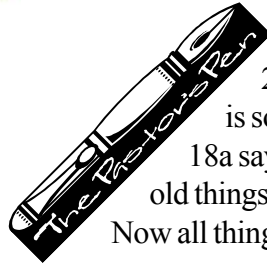
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Essential church for all the seasons of life



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2013 is behind us and 2014 stands before us. A new year is somewhat like our new life in Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:17-18a says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new. Now all things are of God."

A new year is just that, a new year. We can repeat old patterns if we want, but we also have the potential to begin anew. What would it be like if you could begin your new year, new yourself? Now, truthfully there are some things that probably won't change with the New Year. Existing health problems, financial or relational problems will follow you into the new year. How you deal with them can change. Particularly if 2013 was a year of some unwise choices, your new year and your choices can be committed to the Lord. You can follow His will and guidance instead of your own. He can make all things new.

Another way to look at the new year is to consider it as a new year from God. Consider 2014 as His year that He has given to you to use for His glory. Think of the difference it might make to begin every day you awake this way; "This is your day that you have given to me. I commit to use this day to bring honor and glory to your name."

Let us begin the year and each day in that frame of mind. Let us follow through on that commitment by the grace of God. 2014 truly will be a year of all things become new and all these things will be of God.

It might make for a very interesting 2014.

Pastor Charles

pastorchas@sbcglobal.net



As of 12/15/2013:

Our Goal: \$2,200.00

Our Giving: \$2,197.45



Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. Psalm 139:6 (NIV 1984)

When the calendar flips over to a new year, many people set new goals. Have you evaluated your life to determine what needs to be changed or what area needs more attention? Do your spiritual goals include daily Bible reading or attending a weekly small group Bible study? Perhaps you'd like to "do" something rather than just "read" something. Women's ministry has options for both.

Discipleship

Monday Night and Wednesday Morning women's Bible study groups will begin in February. Both of these groups will be studying *The Circle Maker* by Mark Batterson. Bertha Crump will lead the Wednesday Morning session, and I will lead the Monday Night group. This study will challenge the way you think about God as you learn to pray in new and powerful ways. A sign-up sheet will be in the foyer soon. Please let us know if you're coming so we'll have enough material on hand.

The Wednesday Night study will begin March 5. Ginger Nölker will be leading this group through the insightful work and NY Times bestseller by Ann Voskamp, *One Thousand Gifts*. Watch for more details in next month's newsletter.

Fellowship

Our annual Ladies' Tea is only 4 months away. If you would like to help us prepare, with more space, there's lots to do this year. Our first Ladies' Tea planning meeting will be Saturday, January 11 at 9 a.m. We would welcome fresh faces as we begin assigning (and volunteering for) tasks.

Service

Our Public Servants of the Month project is taking a break.

For those of you who enjoy hands on ministry, please help at our monthly food pantry distribution. This project lends itself to a family ministry. It's so easy even your grade schoolers can participate. Please sign up in the foyer to help.

Ministry

Baby blankets were donated to the Memphis, Marceline, and Montgomery City, Mo. pregnancy centers last month. Praise the Lord for the volunteers who made this all possible! Each blanket comes with a handwritten note of encouragement to the mother who will receive the blanket as a gift.

January is the perfect time to curl up on the sofa under the project you're crocheting or knitting. Yarn has been donated, so if you are a knitter or crocheter, contact Stacy or me and we'll provide you with supplies. Would you like to learn how to crochet, practice your skills, share new ideas and / or patterns, or connect with others? Our next crochet day will be Saturday, January 11 at 10:30 a.m.

Our key verse notes that God's eyes see a baby's unformed body. Love, Lily wants to show God's love to as many newborns and their mommies as possible. We can participate by making and donating handcrafted baby items (blankets, hats & booties) which will be given to pregnancy centers, such as Kirksville's LifeLine Pregnancy Resource Center. Do you have a connection to a pregnancy resource center in another city? If so, we'd like to be introduced.

For more information about Love, Lily, please contact Stacy Tucker-Potter.

Driver's Ed

Once again, we have been given the opportunity to teach female international students to drive. Some of the women already know how to drive, they just need to practice and be familiar with Kirksville streets. For information on how you can participate, contact Stacy Xander.

Prayer

Do you have a specific prayer request? Would you like the women's ministry prayer team to pray for your need? Contact Pam Barnett with your request, and she will discreetly pass it on to our team of prayer warriors

Resources

There are several books on the women's ministry table in the foyer from which to choose. Find one that fits you and check it out.

Facebook

Remember to "like" us on Facebook: Hamilton Street Baptist Church Women's Ministry and *Love, Lily*.

Do your New Year Spiritual Goals include an accountability partner or mentor? If so, please contact me. It would be my delight to discuss this with you.

Happy New Year!

Kay Shelby, Women's Ministry Director
660-349-7268, or kayshelby@sbcglobal.net



Vital Signs

Year to Date (12/19/13):

Budgeted Offering:	\$293,921.25
Received Offering:	\$288,298.62
Budget Expenses:	\$279,877.09

Bldg Fund Offering YTD: \$62,213.99

YTD Average Attendance:

8:30 a.m. Worship:	101
11:00 a.m. Worship:	136
Worship Total:	239
Sunday School:	154



As we wrap up 2013, it is so fun to reflect back on the year and the tremendous blessings God has shown Love, Lily. We continue to have awesome volunteers with a heart to show love to young women and their babies. So much so that we finally realized a long term goal of spreading out to new pregnancy resource centers. Specifically, we sent donations to centers in Memphis, MO, Marceline, MO and a brand new center opening in Montgomery City, MO. These centers received a total of 30 handmade blankets and layette sets. Praise the Lord! Our prayer is that each and every mother who receives these blankets will feel God's love, provision and plan for their lives.

Thank you to everyone who has played a part in that vision. Our volunteers crochet and donate materials. And in the future we are looking to ways that people who are unable to do those things can still be involved. Stay tuned!

Blessings!
Jeremiah 1:5

Stacy Tucker-Potter



"Can you drive a little straighter?" Grandpa taunted.

I was ten years old and I thought I knew everything about farming. I'd been riding on tractors all my life. Apparently, Grandpa thought that my ego was out of control and that the best way to deflate it was to let me drive... and deflate it he did. My rows were as crooked as the Mississippi river.

"I'm trying, Grandpa!" I whined.

His eyes squinted as he tried to hide a smug grin. "Wanna know how to make a straight row?"

I thought to myself, "Know how? What's to know? Just don't drive crooked, for crying out loud!" But this was my third pass and it was getting worse, so I gave in and mumbled, "Sure."

He pointed to the other end of the field. "See that maple tree over there?"

"You mean the one straight in front of us?" I said. "Yeah, I see it."

Grandpa gave me a determined look and said sternly, "Don't take your eye off of it. Keep your hood ornament lined

up with that tree until we get all the way across the field."

I squared myself up in the seat and looked straight ahead. Grandpa told me not to worry if I overlapped or left a skip. "We'll come back and get it after we get our row straightened out," he reassured. When we got to the other end and turned around, I was amazed. That pass was as straight as an arrow flies on a calm day. Grandpa saw it, too. "Now, every time you turn around and start a new pass, look to the other side of the field. Find a tree or a fencepost that lines up with your last pass and drive toward it."

Our fencepost is Jesus.

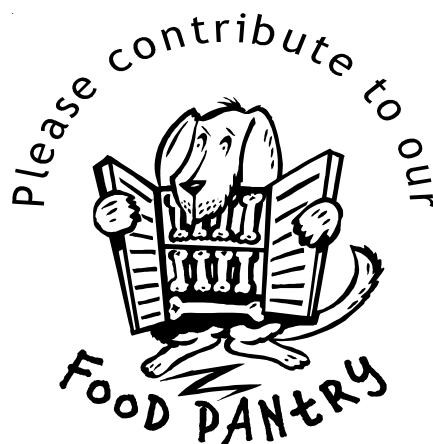
As Christians, we know that Jesus Christ is what we need to drive toward, but it's easy to get lazy. We must actively focus on Jesus to make our path straight. We can't make straight rows by being passive. God calls us to be proactive about our faith. Hebrews 12:1, 2, 12-16: "Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us **run with endurance** the race that lies before us, **keeping our eyes on Jesus**, the source and perfecter of our faith. Therefore **strengthen your tired hands** and weakened knees, and **make straight paths for your feet**, so that what is lame may not be dislocated but healed instead. **Pursue peace** with everyone, **and holiness**—without it no one will see the Lord."

As this pertains to our worship, let's commit to come together each week with hearts and minds focused on Jesus Christ in 2014. As you wake up each day, see Jesus as that fencepost on the other end of the field and make a straight path toward Him. You will be strengthened and healed. Begin this year with renewed resolve to pursue peace and holiness. If we do, I'm convinced we will come together in worship and "see the Lord". How awesome would that be? I can't wait to see you Sunday!

Ben Austic, 11am Music Minister
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The Mission of HSBC

Honor God's Truth
Share the Gospel
Build Believers
Care for Others



These items are donated
to the
Christian Community Food Depot.

JANUARY CALENDAR

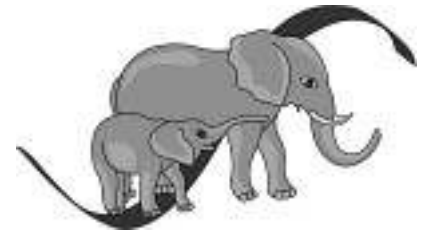
January 1		New Year's Day, Office Closed Evening Services Dismissed
January 4	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, Rosie's Northtown Café
January 5	1:30 p.m.	Adair County Detention Center
January 6	9:30 a.m.	Highland Crest
	7:00 p.m.	Missions Trip 2014 Meeting
January 7	9:30 a.m.	Twin Pines
	7:00 p.m.	Building & Grounds Committee
January 8	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study & Prayer / Youth
	7:30 p.m.	Church Council
January 11	9:00 a.m.	Women's Ministry Ladies' Tea Planning Meeting
	10:30 a.m.	Women's Ministry Crochet Day
January 12	2:00 p.m.	Highland Crest
January 13		Book of Reports Submissions Due
January 14	9:30 a.m.	Twin Pines
	6:00 p.m.	Church & Outreach Visitation
January 15	5:45 p.m.	Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	Winter Bible Study
	7:30 p.m.	Nominating Committee
January 19	6:00 p.m.	Business Meeting
January 20		Newsletter Items Due
January 21	9:30 a.m.	Twin Pines
January 22	5:45 p.m.	Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	Winter Bible Study
	7:30 p.m.	Personnel Committee
January 23	5:00 p.m.	THBA Exec. Board Leadership Council, HSBC
	6:30 p.m.	THBA Executive Board Meeting, HSBC
	Followed by	Fellowship & Refreshments
January 25	11:00 a.m.	Mobile Food Pantry Distribution
January 26	12:00 p.m.	Strength Training Soup Fest
	2:30 p.m.	Kirksville Manor Care
January 27 – 29		State Evangelism Conference, Springfield
January 28	9:30 a.m.	Twin Pines
	6:30 p.m.	Deacons
January 29	5:45 p.m.	Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	Winter Bible Study
	7:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting

Men's Prayer Breakfast



Saturday, January 4
8:00 a.m.

Rosie's Northtown Cafe
Contact Doug Athon



Whenever you see an elephant,
please remember to pray for
Josh, Kimbre & the kids.
You will find one (or more) pictures of
an elephant in each newsletter.
Can you find the 10 elephants
hidden in this newsletter?

Thank You *from*
Our Staff

The Staff of HSBC would like to thank you for your generosity. Personally, each of us was the recipient of a generous Christmas gift made possible through your donations.

We are also grateful for your weekly tithing and giving. Thank you so much!



“Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus”
(Philippians 3:13-14)

When Christmas is over we start hearing the words “Happy New Year!”

I like to think back to the interesting occurrences of the past year: the good times, the bad times, the frustrating times, and the fun times. I remember the valuable lessons I learned from those experiences; what God showed me, and how He was faithful through all of it.

After I relive the previous year, I begin to look forward with great excitement wondering what God has for me in this new coming year. What new experiences will I go through and what new lessons will I learn?

Doing this helps me view each year as a season, understanding that God is sovereign and provides new experiences that will make me more like Christ.

There were times I went through seasons of grief and there were times I experienced seasons of joy.

Then I remember that God is in control and that He knows the plans He has for me; plans of new wisdom, insight, and understanding that He wants to impart to me if I will allow Him to.

It also gives me a fresh outlook on the coming year, enabling me to leave the past where it belongs. I can learn from it and move forward into the future with an open heart and mind to receive whatever God has for me

Join me in the new beginnings of 2014. Are you excited to see what God has in store for you? I know I am!

See you in worship!

Jim Barnett, 8:30 am Music Minister
 musicjim@sbcglobal.net



We would love for you to join us in worshipping God through song. Choir Rehearsal is Sunday afternoons at 5 pm.

Contact Jim Barnett, 342-0668 or musicjim@sbcglobal.net, for information about the Sanctuary Choir.



Pastor's annual
The State of the Church
 message
 Sunday, January 5
 8:30 & 11 a.m.

Answer three questions:

1. How are we doing?
2. What are our strengths?
3. What are our needs?

Our ministry leaders are helping contribute to this message.



The Search Committee is now accepting resumes for both part-time part-time Family Minister through the church office.

Questions should be directed to Jonathan Walker, chair, Mike Brummit, Mike Hartman, Tim King, or Tabitha Cleaver.

The purpose of the Church is to glorify God by fulfilling the Great Commandment

(³⁶“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” ³⁷Jesus replied: “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” Matthew 22:36-40)

and the Great Commission

(¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20).



College Student Bible Study Teacher
Stacy Tucker-Potter
find her on Facebook or stop by her
office in McClain Hall 205 on the
Truman campus.

We offer Associate Membership to college students who wish to be a part of our body without giving up their membership in their churches back home. If you are interested, contact Pastor Charles pastorchas@sbcglobal.net.



Special Business Meeting Vote to call
Tony Keene

as Part-Time Minister of Youth: 95%
Yes: 127 No: 7 Abstentions: 7



Youth Praise Team

Sunday afternoons @ 3:45 p.m.
Contact: David Cook



Would you like to save your
pop can tabs for the
RONALD McDONALD HOUSE?
There's a collection bin in the foyer.
Contact: Barbara Coy



I have been asked by several people what my approach to Youth ministry is so I thought it appropriate as I begin my official duties as part-time Youth Minister to share what I conveyed to the search committee...

My philosophy can be summed up by the words of God through Solomon in Proverbs 22:6, "Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it." and the words of God through Paul in 1 Timothy 4:12, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity." I do not believe that we have to differ our approach to ministry significantly between adults and youth. I see no examples in scriptures where concessions were made in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ based on age.

I agree completely with one of the Core Value statements from the editors of the Gospel Project study we are doing now. They state: "We believe it is best to expect a lot out of those who attend a small group or Sunday School class. We don't need to go only as deep as the least knowledgeable person in the group. When a child is still on baby food, a family doesn't stop eating steak and potatoes. As leaders, we want to provide a feast and let people draw the sustenance they need. We may have to 'cut up the meat' for new believers and make sure the truth is accessible. But the key is to put the biblical ingredients together and provide the meal. The important thing is that everyone has been fed and is sufficiently nourished when finished."

My goal is that our Youth come to a saving faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and

King of their lives. My expectation is that they come prepared to hear the word God has prepared for them in whatever form that takes. My approach is to present God's word clearly and relevantly to them at every opportunity.

As we embark on a new year, I pray that 2014 will be a great year for the Youth ministry of HSBC. The Fall semester of 2013 was amazing! God was really working in our midst. We averaged nearly 20 youth each Wednesday night with 5-6 adults. Our Bible study in the Gospel Project challenged each of us to look at how we bear God's image in all aspects of our lives. Over the next few months we will be looking at A God-Centered Worldview.

We will also be meeting shortly to plan some fun activities for the new year to encourage growth and bonding among our Youth. Please continue to pray for our Youth and this ministry. God is at work and we pray for His continued blessings.

Blessings in Christ,

Tony Keene,
Youth Minister
tony.keene@sbcglobal.net



Twin Pines

Every Tuesday at 9:30 am

Highland Crest

Sunday, January 12, at 2 pm

Kirksville Manor Care

Sunday, January 26, at 2:30 pm

Colossians

Christ Is All You Need

January Bible study begins January 15, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. This year's study centers on Colossians and is entitled "*Christ is All You Need*." It is a study that will help you experience the abundant life in Christ. Jesus said that He came so that we might "have life and have it in abundance" (John 10:10). This study will help you move away from performance-based religion and step into the freedom of a relationship with Christ.

In order for that to happen, we must see ourselves from God's perspective and learn to rest in what we discover. As we work through Paul's letter to the church in Colossae, we will see that believers are rooted in Him, free in Him, built up in Him, hidden in Him, complete in Him, forgiven in Him, and seated with Him. We are secure in Christ because "the entire fullness of God's nature dwells bodily in Christ" (2:9). Our life is in Christ, and He lives through us.

If you are tired of performance-based religion, this study is for you. If you are overwhelmed by religious routines and if you are searching for the abundant life, take this journey through Colossians.

WMU Cookbooks

Planning your family's back to school lunches or Labor Day cookout? WMU Cookbooks are available for \$5.
Contact: Pam Barnett

Sunday School NEWS

Well, another year has passed, and we are now in 2014. Sunday School attendance was strong in 2013, but there are some faithful worship attenders who are not currently involved in a small group Bible study. Let me be the first to invite you to get plugged in to a class that meets your needs.

A good way to start the habit of regular Bible study is to attend our 2014 January Bible study. It is entitled "*Christ Is All You Need*," and classes will begin on January 15, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. The study is taken from the book of Colossians and is about having a relationship with Christ.

Books have been ordered and will be available the first night of class. I hope to see lots of you there as we see what God has in store for us in this study. Nothing would make me happier than to have to order more books!

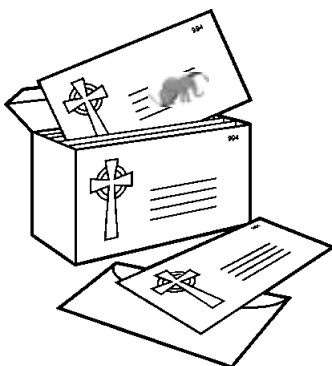
Pam Barnett, Sunday School Director



Adair County Detention Center

- ☞ Bible Study / Worship
- ☞ Sunday, January 5
- ☞ 1:30 pm
- ☞ **Women volunteers are needed**
- ☞ Contact: Joe Schesvold, 665-0242, or the pastor

OFFERING ENVELOPES



Contribution Envelopes for 2014 are in the foyer and your Sunday School classrooms. If you do not find a box of envelopes with your name, please contact our financial recording secretary, Flo Borger or the church office.

Using contribution envelopes makes recording your giving more accurate and easier.



Product Labels

Would you like to help missions just by saving labels? A full list of products is in the foyer. There's a box in the foyer to drop them in. Thank you!
Contact: Julia Owings



NURSERY WORKERS

Volunteers are needed the 3rd Sunday each month for the nursery during the 8:30 & 11 am services and the 4th Sunday each month for the 8:30 am service.
Contact: Margie Kue or the church office.

Nursery & Children's Church Workers must have a background check.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Our 3-5 year olds are having a great time learning about God and Jesus during Children's Church every Sunday. I am so appreciative of those who have been faithfully working with these children.

We have had several vacancies occur recently in our rotation schedule, so I am in need of volunteers for the regular rotation and as substitutes.

Requirements are easy: be a church member, have a background check on file, and be available during second service one Sunday every two months. But most of all, have a heart for teaching our little ones about God and his love for them.

If you feel led to volunteer, please contact Pam Barnett

Possible dates:
July 5-11
or
July 12-18

The church there would like for us to lead a Sports Camp, Back Yard Bible Clubs, Service projects and possible Block Party.

Just as a football team gets itself in shape to play a game, we too want to make sure our team goes in the best spiritual state possible. There are a few requirements:

- 1) Be at worship at least 80% of the time (work schedules will be taken into consideration)
- 2) Be at Bible study at least 80% of the time (Sunday school or other Bible study)
- 3) Application filled out to explain your calling for wanting to go on the trip
- 4) A mandatory 1 hour class on witnessing and sharing your testimony – to be offered late Spring

Be praying about if this is for you or not. We need to have 8-10 adults who are committed to going before we commit to going to the church in Grand Island. On **Monday, January 6 at 7 pm** we will have a meeting at church to find out who is ready to commit and if we are able to go to Grand Island. If you are ready to commit but are not able to make the meeting, be sure to contact David Cook or Pastor Charles.

MISSION TRIP 2014

GRAND ISLAND, NE

Miscellaneous Info about Grand Island:

- Census data says that of the population of around 50,000: 12% are conservative evangelical Christian, 45% Lutheran, 35% Catholic, 8% other (Muslim, Jewish, Mormon). Even though many claim a religious affiliation, 28.8% may claim a religion have no church affiliation, which means they don't attend church at all!
- 80-85% of young adults aged 20-40 said the traditional church is irrelevant to their lives!
- The school district says that there are 53 recognized ethnic groups in their schools. Of the 50,000 people population, 68.6% are white, 26.7% are Hispanic, 1.8% are African (lots of Sudanese and Somalian) and 1.1% Asian. All the rest are less than 1%.

Beacon of Hope is a new church start that had its first worship service on Easter Sunday 2010. There are about 25 people who attend on a Sunday morning. The pastor is looking for people to come and work beside his people and help them learn ministry, as they are all new to the faith. The pastor has also started a Hispanic church in Grand Island as well as a Hispanic Church in Hastings, which is about 30 miles away.

Remember, Monday, January 6 at 7 pm we will have a meeting to see who is ready to commit.

If you would like to donate aluminum cans to the Youth, place them in Doug Athon's pick up bed on Sunday mornings. Doug drives a green Ford Ranger pickup.



**Happy
New Year!**

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Charles Jackson - Pastor
Jim Barnett - 8:30 am Music Minister
Ben Austic - 11 am Music Minister
Tony Keene - Youth Minister
Kay Shelby - Administrative Secretary

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Adair County Mobile Food Distribution

Saturday, January 25

11:00 am

Hamilton Street Baptist Church
802 W. Hamilton St., Kirksville, MO

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday:	8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Bible Study
	11:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
	3:45 p.m.	Youth Praise Band Practice
	5:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday:	6:00 p.m.	Worship
	5:45 p.m.	Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Programming



February 3	Highland Crest
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 22	Mobile Food Pantry Distribution
March 9	Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 22	Mobile Food Pantry Distribution